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REVISED EXPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR MEXICO FOR FRESH/FROZEN POULTRY

On April 1, 2006, Mexico will require that fresh/frozen poultry come from flocks or farms from which 59 serological samples have been taken and tested negative for avian influenza using an ELISA test or that the flock or farm of origin is registered in the National Poultry Improvement Plan.

Following the instructions in FSIS Directive 9000.1, Revision 1, inspection program personnel certifying all poultry for export to Mexico are to verify:

For all raw poultry including mechanically de-boned meat, viscera and offal products, as defined under "Eligible Products", the following statements must be included in the "Remarks" section of FSIS Form 9060-5, or on a [letterhead certificate](#):

1. *"That the product originates from the country indicated in this document.*
2. *That it comes from healthy animals inspected ante and post mortem in establishments under official control.*
3. *The United States is free of Velogenic Newcastle Disease.*
4. *That the product has been approved for human consumption.*
5. *That the product comes from flocks/farms from which 59 serological samples have been taken and tested for avian influenza using the ELISA test according to OIE standards, with negative results to AI or that the flock and/or farm of origin is registered in the National Poultry Improvement Plan.*
6. *The product does not come from birds originating in or coming from the following counties in the State of Texas: Gonzales, Guadalupe, Galdwell, Bastrop, Fayette, La Vaca, De Witt, Karnes, Wilson, Comal and Hays.*

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Offices; T/A Inspectors; Plant Mgt;
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7. *That the product is freely transported and marketed within the United States.*
8. *During slaughter and processing, this meat was not mixed with birds, meat, offal or viscera, which had not met the foregoing requirements.*
9. *That the product has been packed in new boxes.*
10. *That the vehicles and containers that transport the meat, offal or viscera were cleaned and disinfected previous to the shipment. (Note: See Section A.8. for further instructions.)*
11. *That the vehicles and containers that transport the product were sealed at the plant of origin and remain sealed until entering Mexico."*

NOTE: This information is provided in the Export Library.

Questions should be directed to the Technical Service Center at 1-800-233-3935.



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